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1. On 11 December 1950, the Hindenburg Kaserne in Schwerin (H 54/T 46) appeared to be occupied to capacity. The installation consisted of four barracks buildings, three of which quartered troops wearing black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and one of which housed the administration.

2. Two buildings of the Freiherr von Fritsch Kaserne were occupied by troops who wore black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. One building housed officers with their families and the orderly rooms. The occupation of the barracks buildings located farther to the rear could not be determined.

3. Based on the vehicular traffic at the headquarters buildings on Schlossgartenallee between 13 and 15 November, the occupation of the buildings of the area, and the signal communication lines converging there, [redacted] believed that the headquarters there was the larger one of the two headquarters in Schwerin.

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4. A rubber-insulated cable, about 13 cm in diameter, led from the headquarters on Schlossgartenallee to the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigslusterstrasse, running along Parkweg, Fauler See, the highway to Crivitz, and the Grosser Dresch drill field. The Krueger Kaserne seemed to house the post telephone exchange, because field wire lines from all barracks installations in Schwerin converged there. (3)

5. The headquarters building on Lischstrasse was connected by a wire with the quarters of a signal unit in the so-called Arsenal section of the Fritsch Kaserne.

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6. Fourteen T-34/85 tanks without muzzle brakes were engaged in firing practice at the Grosser Dresch drill field, opposite the Moltke Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne, from 1 to 3 p.m. on 13 December.

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7. Gate guards at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops drilling at squad level were seen in the barracks yard.

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8. Gate guards at the Fritsch Kaserne wore signal insignia.

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9. Gate guards at the Moltke Kaserne wore tank insignia.

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) The report indicates that the headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and the components of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which are stationed in Schwerin, were at their quarters on 11 December.

(2) According to periodic reports, the Hq IX Mtz Rifle Corps is located on Schlossgartenallee in the Schlossgartenviertel and the Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the DAF building on Hagenauerstrasse.

(3) The large telephone exchange in the Krueger Kaserne was reported for the first time. It may be the exchange of the military post in Schwerin.

(4) The headquarters on Lischstrasse was identified [redacted] as the headquarters for the "surveillance of Soviet troops in Land Mecklenburg", [redacted]

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